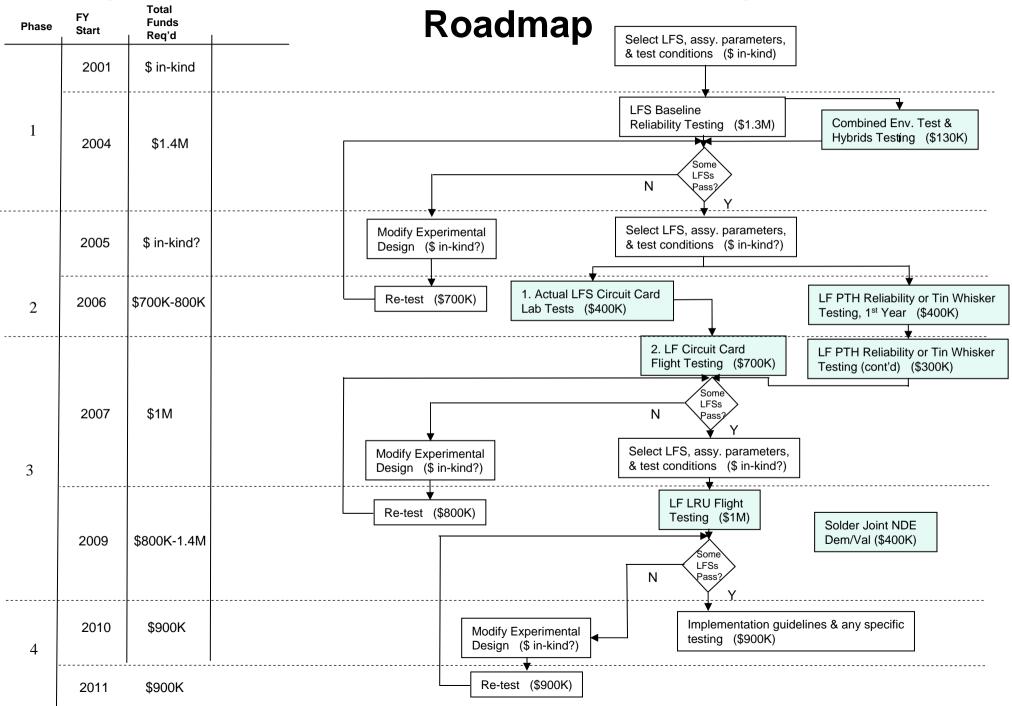
# Path to Lead-Free Solder Implementation

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# Proposed DoD-NASA Pb-free Solder Implementation



# **Project Ideas**

# FY2004-start projects

1. JCAA/JG-PP lead-free solder project additional component testing

# FY2005-start projects

- 2. Field testing of circuit card with lead-free solder
- 3. Tin whisker mitigation
- 4. Reliability testing of un-filled plated-through-holes with a high aspect ratio

# FY2008-start projects

- 5. Field testing of line-replaceable units (LRUs) with leadfree solder
- 6. Dem/val non-destructive evaluation of solder joint and circuit card integrity

# 1. Additional Component Testing (Hybrids & CSPs)

#### Issue:

Current JCAA/JG-PP project test boards do not include some important component types, namely hybrids and chip scale packages (CSPs)

#### **Project Objective:**

Perform high-reliability (Class 3) testing of components excluded from the current JCAA/JG-PP project.

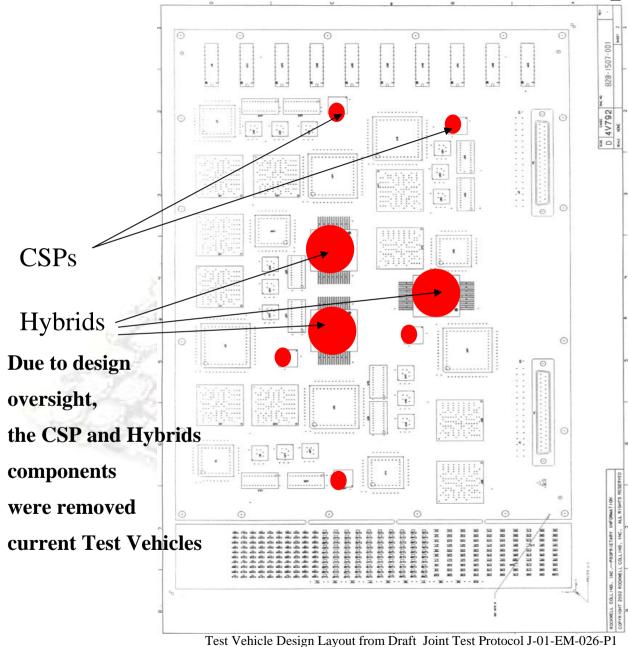
#### Approach:

Build ~30 custom (newly manufactured) circuit boards with same Pb and Pb-free solders from current project (and using the hybrids and CSPs already purchased by NASA). Perform thermal cycling & vibration tests IAW JCAA/JG-PP Joint Test Protocol.

#### **Potential Stakeholders:**

Same as JCAA/JG-PP LFS project (U.S. military services, NASA, military and commercial OEMs, gov't laboratories)

# Lead-Free Printed Wiring Assembly



#### **PWB**

- 14.5"X 9"X 0.09"
- Immersion Silver Finish
- SnPb HASL (rework)
- 6 layers

#### PWA

- Surface mount and through hole components
- Total Quantity: 205 (119/86)

#### Lead-Free Solder Alloys

- Sn3.9Ag0.6Cu
- Sn3.4Ag1.0Cu3.3Bi
- Sn0.7Cu (stabilized)

# 1. Additional Component Testing (Hybrids & CSPs)

## **Proposed Milestones & Funding:**

FY2005 (\$38K)

Project Start: Oct 2004

Design Test Board: Oct 2004 – Nov 2004

Purchase Boards: Nov 2004

•Build Boards: Dec 2004 – Jan 2005

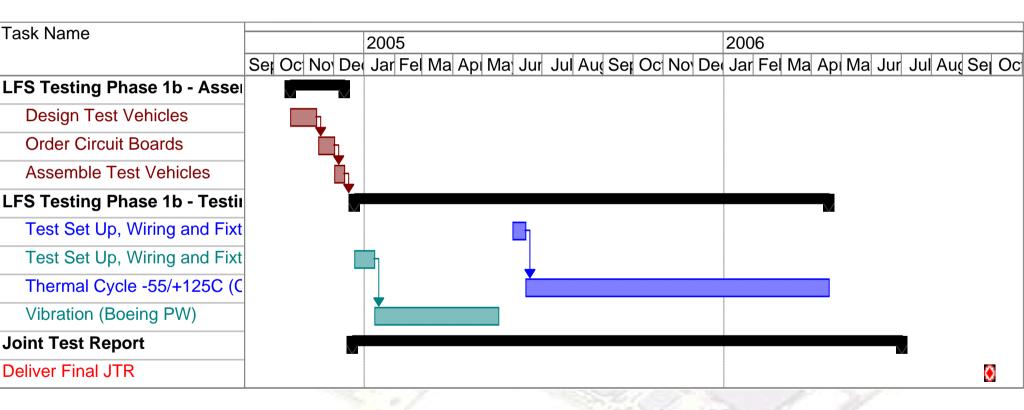
FY2006 (\$140K)

•Conduct Testing: Jan 2005 – Apr 2006

FY2007 (\$in kind)

Complete Test Report: Oct 2006

# 1. Additional Component Testing (Hybrids & CSPs)



# 2. Field Test Circuit Cards

#### Issue:

No known flight test data available for JCAA/JG-PP lead-free solders

#### **Project Objective:**

Field test the most promising lead-free solders from the current JCAA/JG-PP reliability testing

#### Approach:

Identify critical end-design board(s) on an existing system (e.g., F-15 radar) (those most subject to failure). Build 6-10 boards with the alternative solders. Flight test those boards for 18-months.

#### **Potential Stakeholders:**

U.S. military services, NASA, F-15 program, military and commercial OEMs, FAA, gov't laboratories

## 2. Field Test Circuit Cards

## **Proposed Milestones & Funding:**

#### FY2005 (\$in-kind)

- Project Start: Dec 2004
- ID Stakeholders: Dec 2004 Apr 2005
- Prepare Test Plan & Bill of Materials: Feb Sep 2005

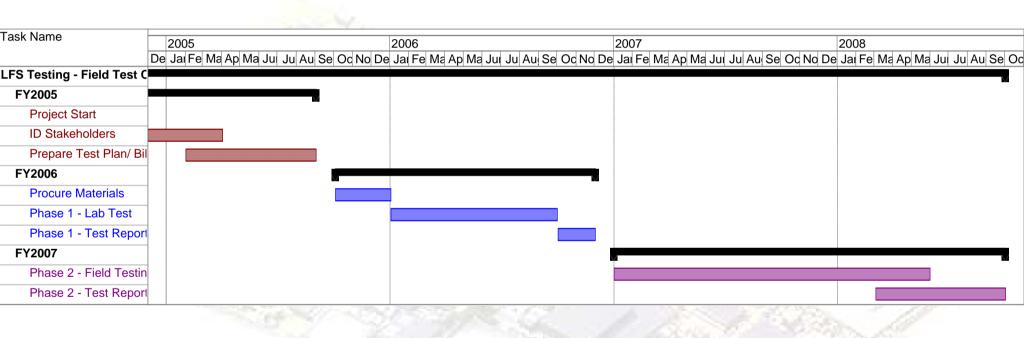
#### FY2006 (\$400K)

- Procure Materials: Oct Dec 2005
- Phase 1 Lab Testing: Jan Sep 2006 (9 months)
- Phase 1 Test Report: Oct Dec 2006

## FY2007 (\$900K)

- Phase 2 Field Testing: Jan 2007 Jun 2008 (18 months, with intermittent check-ups)
- Phase 2 Test Report: Mar Sep 2008

# 2. Field Test Circuit Cards



# 3. Tin Whisker Mitigation

#### Issue:

Risk of tin whiskering (and resulting electrical shorts in systems) set to increase as suppliers switch to pure tin plating. Project would build off work being done by NEMI and NASA GSFC.

#### **Project Objective:**

Determine whether simple mitigation methods will stop whisker growth.

#### Approach:

Specifically design test coupons to grow tin whiskers rapidly (e.g., bright tin plating on brass). Apply materials (e.g., conformal coatings) over the tin plating, and expose to environmental conditions known to grow whiskers. Observe the coupons over the course of several years to determine if any of the coatings prevent/contain whisker growth.

#### Potential Stakeholders:

U.S. military services, NASA, military and commercial OEMs, FAA, gov't laboratories

# 3. Tin Whisker Mitigation

## **Proposed Milestones & Funding:**

FY2005 (\$in-kind)

- Project Start: Dec 2004
- ID Stakeholders: Dec 2004 Apr 2005
- Prepare Test Plan & Bill of Materials: Feb Sep 2005

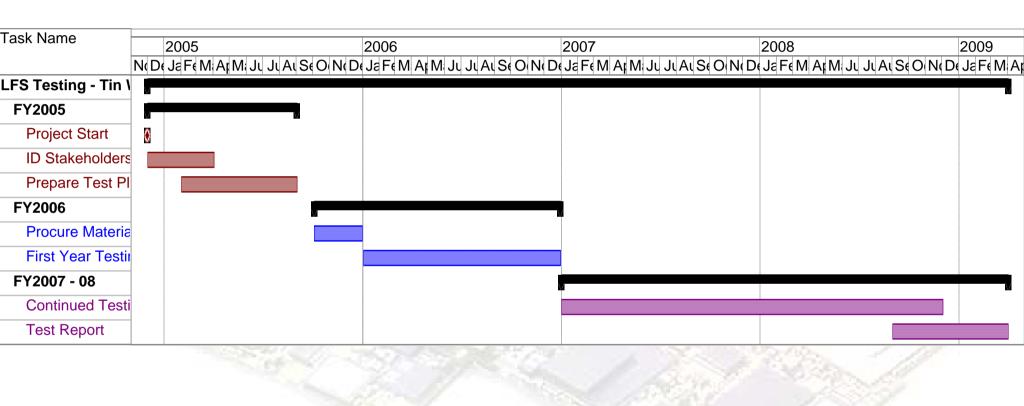
FY2006 (\$400K)

- Procure Materials: Oct Dec 2005
- 1st Year Testing: Jan Dec 2006

FY2007-08 (\$300K)

- Continued Testing: Jan 2007 Dec 2008
- Test Report: Sep 2008 Mar 2009

# 3. Tin Whisker Mitigation



# 4. Plated-Through-Hole Reliability Testing

#### Issue:

Unfilled high aspect ratio plated through-holes are prone to fail on legacy military systems. What little data exists on reliability of lead-free plated-through-holes after lead-free processing is mixed. Current JCAA/JG-PP project not addressing, either.

#### **Project Objective:**

Compare electrical reliability of PTH parts after Pb & Pb-free processing and subsequent environmental testing.

#### Approach:

Prepare test boards containing many different PTH sizes using Pb and Pb-free processing (reflow and wave solder operations, and rework). Expose boards to environmental conditions IAW JCAA/JG-PP JTP.

#### Potential Stakeholders:

U.S. military services, NASA, military and commercial OEMs, FAA, gov't laboratories

# 4. PTH Reliability Testing

## **Proposed Milestones & Funding:**

FY2005 (\$in-kind)

- Project Start: Dec 2004
- ID Stakeholders: Dec 2004 Apr 2005
- Prepare Test Plan & Bill of Materials: Feb Sep 2005

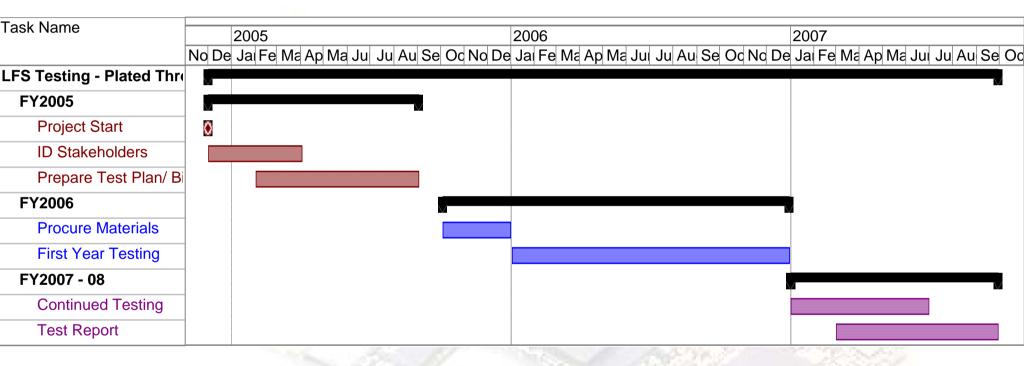
#### FY2006 (\$400K)

- Procure Materials: Oct Dec 2005
- 1st Year Testing: Jan Dec 2006

#### FY2007 (\$300K)

- Continued Testing: Jan 2007 Jun 2007
- Test Report: Mar Sep 2007

# 4. PTH Reliability Testing



# 5. Field Test LRUs

#### Issue:

No known flight test data available on end-designs at Line-Replaceable Unit (LRU) level

#### **Project Objective:**

Field test the most promising lead-free solders from the proposed Project #2 (field test (radar) circuit card)

#### Approach:

Identify critical end-design board(s) at LRU level. Build 2 LRUs with the alternative solders. Flight test the boards for 18-months.

#### **Potential Stakeholders:**

U.S. military services, NASA, F-15 program, military and commercial OEMs, FAA, gov't laboratories

## 5. Field Test LRUs

#### **Proposed Milestones & Funding:**

FY2008 (\$in-kind)

- Project Start: Dec 2007
- ID Stakeholders: Dec 2007 Apr 2008
- Prepare Test Plan & Bill of Materials: Feb Sep. 2008

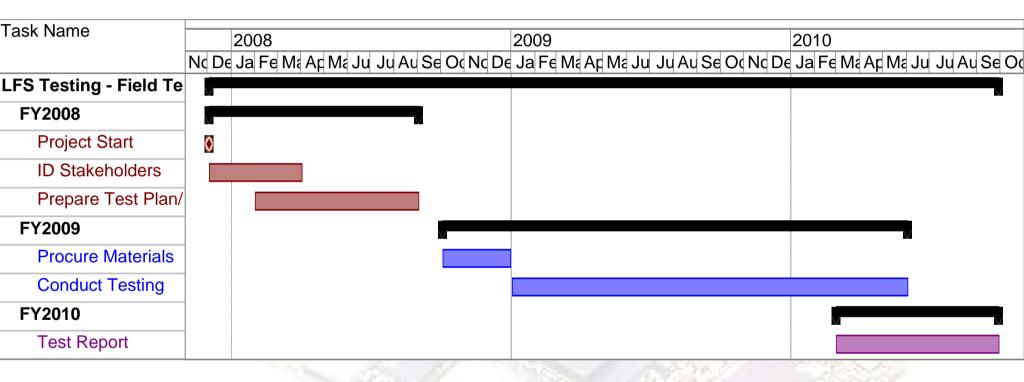
FY2009 (\$1M)

- Procure & Build Parts: Sep Dec. 2008
- Conduct Testing: Jan 2009 Jun. 2010 (18 months, with intermittent check-ups)

FY2010 (\$in-kind)

Complete Test Report: Mar. - Sep. 2010

## 5. Field Test LRUs



# 6. Dem/Val Non-Destructive Evaluation of Solder Joint and CCAs

#### Issue:

No way to quantitatively assess the condition of circuit card assemblies (CCAs) (either Pb or Pb-free) in critical applications in the field.

#### **Project Objective:**

Demonstrate/validate a reliable nondestructive assessment technique to quantify microstructure damage and aging effects for existing and new circuit cards in a field environment.

#### Approach:

Field demonstrate one or more commercial units for evaluating damage of operational circuit cards for specific DoD platform applications.

#### **Potential Stakeholders:**

U.S. military services, NASA, military and commercial OEMs, FAA, gov't laboratories

# 6. Dem/Val Non-Destructive Evaluation of Solder Joint and CCA Integrity

#### **Proposed Milestones & Funding:**

FY2008 (\$in-kind)

- Project Start: Dec 2007
- ID Stakeholders: Dec 2007 Apr 2008
- Prepare Test Plan & Bill of Materials: Feb Sep. 2008

FY2009 (\$400K)

- Procure & Build Parts: Sep Dec. 2008
- Conduct Testing: Jan 2009 Jun. 2010 (18 months, with intermittent check-ups)

FY2010 (\$in-kind)

Complete Test Report: Mar. - Sep. 2010

# 6. Dem/Val Non-Destructive Evaluation of Solder Joint and CCA Integrity

